

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Nicola Sturgeon announced that Senior Phase pupils (S4-6) have to return to school part-time for “the completion of practical work”. This work will form part of the final SQA grade that your child will be awarded. Classes will be very much targeted at the pupils studying the following subjects: Art, Music, PE, Graphics, Woodwork, Metalwork, French and German only. I have already liaised with the Principal Teachers to agree the amount of time required in each subject/level. Individual timetables will be sent out to pupils involved early next week; it is essential that they attend on all of the allocated days. The young people will be in school for full days and will work only in the subject allocated and the task set. I ask that a 2m social distance is maintained between all staff and pupils and that everyone wears a face covering as stated by Government guidelines. The school canteen will be open for pupils to order lunch and this will be delivered to the classroom they are working in; they will remain in the class for the duration of the day to minimise the potential for the community spread of the virus. School transport will be available as normal.

In PE, the guidelines state that young people are not allowed to do ‘contact’ sport so they will be assessed on volleyball or badminton. I am aware that this may not be their preferred sport but we need to work within the guidelines set out at present. If these change and we get the opportunity to revisit this before June, we will do so.

Scottish Government are providing lateral flow tests for young people who will be attending school; more information on these will be provided next week.

The enabling work has started for the new school. A new entrance will be added to the front of the school to provide access for the heavy machinery and the technical store adjacent to the surestart building will be removed. In March, most of our outside space will be closed to us as they prepare the land for Phase 1 of the new building. This is a new and exciting opportunity for Carrick Academy and the wider community of Maybole.

I have attached information on how you can access the feedback staff are providing to young people on Teams. Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

TS Stevens

Head Teacher

